MINISTRY OF HEALTH

GUISBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT

for the Year 1964

of the Medical Officer of Health

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

OF THE

GUISBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1963, the contents and arrangements of which are in accordance with the regulation of the Ministry of Health.

During the year measles accounted for 148 of the 160 cases of infectious diseases.

The table of classification of the causes of death shows diseases of the heart and circulation to take its usual first place with cancer second.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Heads of Departments for their co-operation at all times. To Mr. Pallister, Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, and Mr. Ward, Additional Public Health Inspector, I am especially grateful for their help in all matters concerning the health of the District. Finally I would like to acknowledge the hard work and willing effort of Mr. Nuttall and Miss Fox in the District Health Office.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. M. B. ROHAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1965.

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TABLE 1

Public Health Officers

Whole Time Officers	Guisborough Urban District	Skelton & Brotton Urban District	Loftus Urban District
Medical Officer of Health who is also Asst. County Medical Officer No. 4 Area N.R.C.C. and School Medical Officer, N.R.C.C.	Dr. T. M.	B. Rohan	
Public Health Inspectors	*Mr. A. T. Pallister	Mr. J. H. Rhodes	*Mr. W. C. Ranson
Additional Public Health Inspectors	Mr. E. Ward	Mr. R. M. Chalmers	Mr. W. Murray

*Also Surveyor of the district concerned

County Public Health Staff attached to the Guisborough Area.

Miss H. M. Bell	Health Visitor/School Nurse
Mrs. W. Raspin	Health Visitor/School Nurse (commenced duty 14/4/64).
Mrs. R. E. Alderson	District Nurse/Midwife
Miss E. Kingston	District Nurse/Midwife
Mrs. F. E. Potter	District Nurse (Part-time)
Mr. R. K. Nuttall	Senior Clerk
Miss D. E. Fox	Clerk Typist.

SECTION 1.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the district in the mid-year 1964 is 12,990 as compared to an estimate of the population in the mid-year 1963 of 12,800.

General Statistics

I am indebted to the Financial Officer of the Council for the following figures:—

1. Area of the District in acres 18,948
2. No. of inhabited houses according to the rate books 3,949
3. Rateable Value £965,912
4. Sum represented by a penny rate £4,055

TABLE 2

Vital Statistics

			Male	Female	Total
Live Births	....	....	149	107	256
Legitimate	....	....	147	103	250
Illegitimate	....	....	2	4	6
Still Births	....	....	1	5	6
Legitimate	....	....	1	5	6
Illegitimate	....	....	—	—	—

The number of births registered is 256, giving the birth rate of 19.7 per 1,000 population. Allowing for the differing age and sex distribution of the population in different areas, the birth-rate corrected by this comparability factor is 17.3 compared with the rate of 18.4 for England and Wales.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

				Male	Female
Total	....	....	....	4	2
Legitimate	....	....	....	4	2
Illegitimate	....	....	....	—	—

6 infants under the age of 1 year died, giving an infant mortality of 23.4 per thousand live births compared to the rate for England and Wales of 20.9.

TABLE 2 — Vital Statistics

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	—	—
Tuberculosis, other	—	—
Syphilitic disease	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—
Meningo-coccal infection	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—
Measles	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach	3	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Lung, Bronchus	3	—
Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	—	5
Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus	—	—
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	4	5
Leukaemia	1	—
Diabetes	—	1
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	6	21
Coronary Disease, Angina	17	15
Hypertension with Heart Disease	—	1
Other Heart Diseases	1	3
Other Circulatory Diseases	2	—
Influenza	—	—
Pneumonia	4	4
Bronchitis	4	—
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	3	—
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	—	—
Gastro-enteritis and diarrhoea	—	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	—	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	—
Pregnancy, child-birth, abortion	—	—
Congenital malformations	—	1
Other defined or ill-defined diseases	5	4
Motor vehicle accidents	3	—
All other accidents	4	1
Homicide and operations of war	—	—
Suicide	—	—
ALL CAUSES	61	64

The deaths are classified under thirty-six headings based on the Abbreviated List of International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948. 125 deaths of residents gave a corrected death-rate of 10.3 per 1,000 of population compared to 11.3 for England and Wales.

TABLE 4

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1964
(other than Tuberculosis)

	All Ages	Under 1 year	1 year	2	3	4	5—	10—	15—	25—	35—	45—	65—	Age Un-known
Scarlet Fever	5	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	4	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Measles	148	10	16	25	24	21	51	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Infectious Diseases

Table 4 shows the incidence of notifiable diseases except tuberculosis and Table 5 that of tuberculosis.

TABLE 5

Tuberculosis

Age Groups	Respiratory Form Male	Respiratory Form Female	Non-Respiratory Form Male	Non-Respiratory Form Female
0 to 4	—	—	—	—
5 to 9	—	—	—	—
10 to 14	—	—	—	—
15 to 19	—	—	—	—
20 to 24	—	—	—	—
25 to 44	—	1	—	—
45 to 54	—	—	—	—
55 to 64	—	—	—	—
65 to 74	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	—	1	—	—

No deaths from tuberculosis occurred in 1964.

TABLE 6

Immunisation and Vaccination

Diphtheria Immunisation

	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	Total
Completed	184	86	2	272
Reinforcing Doses	—	15	160	175

Whooping Cough Immunisation

	0 to 4	5 to 14	Total
Completed	270	2	272

Immunisation and Vaccination—*continued*

Smallpox	PRIMARY	RE-VACCINATION
	28	11

Vaccination is available from the family doctor and at the Clinic in Guisborough.

Poliomyelitis	PRIMARY	REINFORCING
	309	112

The General Provision of Health Services in the District

1. Laboratory Facilities

This work is now done at the Public Health Laboratory, Middlesbrough, only the biological test for tuberculous milk being carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton.

2. National Health Service Act, 1946

With certain exceptions the Guisborough Area Health Sub-Committee of the Health Committee of the County Council exercises the functions of the Local Health Authority in supervising the day to day administration of the services provided under this Act. The Committee met every two months. It is composed of members of the County Council, of the three District Councils of Guisborough, Skelton and Brotton, and Loftus, and of certain co-opted members. Among the services administered are the following:—

Domestic Help Service	Home Nursing
Prevention of illness: Care and After Care	Health Visiting
Ambulance Service	Midwifery
Vaccination and Immunization	Care of Mothers and Young Children.

3. Prevention of Illness—Care and After-Care

The work previously carried out under this heading by the Voluntary Care Committee is now being undertaken by the Guisborough Area Health Sub-Committee. Enquiries and requests for assistance may be made to the Medical Officer of Health, District Health Office, Park Lane, Guisborough. (Telephone: Guisborough 2521).

4. National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 — Section 47.

It has been possible to avoid advising the Local Sanitary Authorities to have recourse to the procedure laid down in these Acts.

SECTION II

Water Supplies

With the exception of some outlying farms, water is supplied by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board.

Water Samples

TEES VALLEY AND CLEVELAND WATER BOARD

Number of samples taken and submitted for Bacteriological Examination 11

AREA	NO. OF SAMPLES	RESULT
Guisborough U.D.	11	Satisfactory

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Ice-cream

There are 45 premises registered for the storage and sale of pre-packed ice cream, there being also one cold mix ice cream manufacturer in the district. These were inspected regularly.

Food Poisoning

No outbreak of food poisoning has been notified.

Bakehouses

There are two bakehouses in the district. 12 inspections and visits were made and no defects found.

Fish and Chip Shops

There are seven. 12 inspections were made.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

Regular inspections have been carried out during the year and informal action was taken on several occasion, the requirements asked for being provided. Inspections were also carried out during the year of all food-handling premises in an endeavour to persuade persons concerned in the handling of food to attend a course in Food Hygiene at Cleveland Technical College, Redcar.

Food Retail Premises and Meat Inspections

97 visits were made to food premises. 6 premises are licensed under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the making of sausages, brawn, pies, etc.

Food Retail Premises and Meat Inspections—*continued.*

1,663 pounds of meat and offal were voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human consumption and 164 tins of canned food weighing 416¾ pounds.

TABLE 7

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number inspected	667	9	24	1955	889	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci						
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	1	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	17	2	—	8	2	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	2.5%	22.2%	—	0.4%	0.33%	—
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcases condemned	—	1	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	11.1%	—	—	—	—
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

There are 5 licensed slaughterhouses in the Area, and 12 licensed slaughtermen.

With the co-operation of all concerned it has been possible to maintain 100% inspection of all meat slaughtered within the district and for this purpose 694 visits were made.

HOUSING

Housing Statistics

New houses erected in 1964

(a)	By private owners	61
(b)	By the Council	Nil

1. *Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year*

1.	(*a*) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	79
	(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose	132
2.	(*a*) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	—
	(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose	—
3.	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	1
4.	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	26

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices*

(1)	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit or repaired in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	26

3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year*

A. Proceedings under Sections 9 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	—
(2) Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices	
(*a*) By Owners	—
(*b*) By Local Authority in default of Owners	—

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	—
(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
(*a*) By Owners	—
(*b*) By Local Authority in default of Owners	—

C. Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .... —

(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .... —

D. Proceedings under Section 16, 17, 18, 26 and 35, Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made 1

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit .... —

4. *Housing Act*, 1957, *Part* 4, *Overcrowding*

(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year .... Not known

(2) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year .... Nil

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

(1) (*a*) Number of Improvement Grants made 26

(*b*) Number of Improvement Grants refused 0

(2) (*a*) Number of applications for Standard Grants 17

(*b*) Number of applications for Standard Grants refused 0

Rent Act 1957. *Application for Certificates of Disrepair.*

1. (*a*) Number of applications for Certificates of Disrepair .... Nil

(*b*) Number of Decisions to issue Certificates

(1) in respect of some but not all defects .... Nil

(2) in respect of all defects .... Nil

(*c*) Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of First Schedule .... Nil

(*d*) Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule .... Nil

(*e*) Number of Certificates of Disrepair issued .... Nil

2. *Application for Cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair*

(*a*) Applications by Landlord to Local Authority for cancellation of Certificate .... Nil

(*b*) Objections by tenants to cancellation of Certificate .... Nil

(*c*) Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants objection Nil

(*d*) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority .... Nil

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Nuisances

Total number of inspections made for nuisances only	3
Nuisances found	378
Nuisances in hand previous year	7
Total needing abatement	385
Abated during the year	385

Number of summonses or legal proceedings — Nil.

Drainage and Sewerage

With the exception of outlying farms and villages, the District is served by public sewers discharging into various sewage disposal works, with the sewers of the Wilton parish discharging into the sewers of Eston Urban District Council.

Normal extensions to the sewerage system in the District have taken place in connection with private and council house development.

The extension of Guisborough sewage disposal works, including the diversion and renewal of various sewers, is making satisfactory progress. The four houses in Stokesley Road previously on septic tanks have now been connected to the public sewers.

No further progress has been made with the sewerage of Yearby Village.

The Council's consulting engineers have been instructed to prepare a new scheme of sewage disposal for the village of Newton-under-Roseberry. This is making satisfactory progress.

Closet Accommodation

2 sanitary pan closets were converted to water closets.

The whole of Guisborough is now on the water carriage system.

Several properties in Yearby Village still require conversion, the work being delayed owing to the lack of adequate sewage disposal facilities.

61 water closets were provided for new buildings in Guisborough during the year.

Public Cleansing (Refuse and Disposal)

A weekly collection of house and trade refuse is maintained throughout the District. Refuse is disposed of by means of controlled tipping.

Smoke Control/Clean Air

No complaints of smoke nuisance were received during the year.

The following table shows the deposit in tons per square mile in respect of the deposit gauges at Guisborough.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION TESTS

Deposit Gauge Robin's Barn Depot—Guisborough					Deposit Gauge Burton's Factory, West End, Guisborough				
Month	*Ph* Value	Rainfall	Un-dissolved Matter	Fe_2O_3	Month	*Ph* Value	Rainfall	Un-dissolved Matter	Fe_2O_3
Jan.	6.8	0.73	3.44	0.53	Jan.	7.0	0.65	3.27	0.47
Feb.	6.6	0.77	2.18	0.66	Feb.	7.0	0.69	2.32	0.34
March	6.6	2.69	6.18	1.24	March	6.8	2.75	3.95	0.78
April	7.0	1.30	6.51	1.33	April	6.8	1.45	4.97	0.86
May	7.0	0.58	7.98	0.45	May	6.8	0.53	4.61	1.01
June	6.1	2.42	10.15	1.46	June	5.9	2.37	7.38	0.89
July	5.3	0.68	8.22	1.00	July	6.9	0.72	4.90	0.63
Aug.	5.3	0.74	8.22	1.02	Aug.	6.9	0.76	4.93	0.65
Sept.	5.5	0.55	3.31	0.60	Sept.	5.3	0.09	1.67	0.50
October	Invalid	Nil	3.32	0.35	October	5.2	0.22	4.49	0.71
Nov.	5.7	0.56	3.91	0.98	Nov.	5.8	0.53	3.97	1.01
Dec.	3.8	2.60	4.24	0.87	Dec.	5.4	2.73	3.85	0.97

Rodent Control

During the year the Council's sewers were treated twice in accordance with the technique recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Routine surveys have been carried out in connection with farms, business premises, dwelling-houses, etc. and at the year end 34 houses, and 5 other premises, including business premises, had been treated. The poison used has been 'Warfarin' which gives very good results and is used to deal with almost every infestation.

Movable Dwellings

There are 2 licensed sites. These were inspected on 6 occasions.

Shops Act, 1950

95 visits were paid under the above Act. Two unsatisfactory conditions were found; these were remedied by informal action.

Mortuaries

One at the Admiral Chaloner Hospital.

Byelaws in force in the District

Byelaws in respect of cleansing of footpaths and pavements; nuisances; common lodging houses and slaughterhouses: 24th July, 1893.

Byelaw with respect to tents, vans and sheds: 16th November, 1917.

Byelaws in respect of new streets and buildings: 27th April, 1925.

Building Byelaws: 10th March, 1939.

Byelaws with respect to swimming baths and bathing pools: 18th October, 1946.

Byelaws in connection with the handling, wrapping and delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the open air: 10th July, 1950.

Byelaws in respect of Smoke Pollution: 1st August, 1957.

Building Byelaws (Thermal Insulation), 1960.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1959

The following figures have been returned to the Director of Statistics, Ministry of Labour and National Service, regarding factories in the district.

TABLE 8

1. **Inspections** for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector)

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(I) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	23	52	—	—
(II) Factories not included in (I) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	6	12	—	—
(III) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	29	64	—	—

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